

(d) the time by which the project is likely to be commissioned ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI : (a) yes, Sir.

(b) The capacity of the proposed plant is 500 MW. The total cost of the project would be known after the Detailed Project Report for the project is finalised.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The time of commissioning of the project would be known after the project has obtained necessary statutory and non-statutory clearance/inputs and achieved financial closure.

Investment in Oil Sector

1925. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to give substantial autonomy for the upstream oil companies and suggested to give the boards of oil and Natural Gas Corporation and Oil India Limited complete autonomy to take investment decisions;

(b) if so, whether the Government has agreed to this proposal;

(c) the details of the same; and

(d) by what time the Government is likely to give its final decision ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU) : (a) to (d) No decision has been taken by the Government to give complete autonomy to ONGC and OIL to make investment decision.

Generation of Power

1926. SHRI BADAL CHOUDHARY : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the North Eastern Electricity Power Corporation is not being able to complete the power projects entrusted upon it for execution according to the plan-budget due to paucity of fund;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the generation capacity and demand of power in the region at present; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to meet the shortfall of power in the region ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) and (b) No, Sir. The requirements of funds of North Eastern Electric Power Corporation (NEEPCO) for executing its power projects are being fully met. The Plan allocation of

Budgetary Support and the funds actually released to NEEPCO during the 8th Five Year Plan is indicated below:

(Rs. in crores)		
years	Allocation of Gross Budgetary Support to NEEPCO	Amount Actually Released.
1992-93	100.00	128.00
1993-94	225.00	287.60
1994-95	381.01	467.51
1995-96	350.12	366.82
1996-97	141.40	171.40 (proposed)

NEEPCO has commissioned six units (200 MW) of Assam Gas Based Power Project at Kathalguri and one unit (50 MW) of Kopili Hydroelectric Project 1st Stage Extension in Assam in the last two years.

(c) and (d) During the period April, 1996 to January, 1997 as against the requirement of 4033 million units of all North Eastern States, energy availability was 3583 million units representing 11.2% shortage. In order to reduce this gap in the North Eastern Region, measures taken, inter-alia, include maximizing the generation from the existing capacity, reduction in transmission and distribution losses, effective demand management and energy conservation measures and assistance from Eastern Region to North Eastern Region. Sanctioned schemes with a capacity addition of about 1030 MW are presently under implementation in North Eastern Region and the full benefits from these schemes are likely to be available during the 9th Plan period.

Counting of Service Period

1927. SHRI BACHI SINGH RAWAT 'BACHDA' Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether service rendered by a Central Government employee as an employee in Public Sector Undertaking prior to joining Government service is counted as service for the purpose of calculating pension and other benefits to a Central Government employees;

(b) whether service rendered in Nationalised Bank, which is also a Public Sector Undertaking, is not counted for the purpose of calculating pension and other benefits to such a Central Government employee; and

(c) If so, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI S.R. BALASUBRAMONYAN) : (a) No Sir.

(b) and (c) The past service rendered by a Central Government employee, in Nationalised Banks is not counted for pension purposes alongwith Central Government Service. Benefit of counting of past service rendered by Central Government employees in Government autonomous bodies is allowed under the provisions of Department of Pension & P.W's circular dated 29.8.1984 as amended from time to time. The Central autonomous body includes a Central statutory body or a Central University but does not include a public undertaking. The definition of a Central autonomous body has been further clarified as a non-profit making organisation which is financed wholly or substantially from cess or Central Government grants. Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) and Nationalised Banks do not fulfill conditions laid down in above definition. Further, PSUs and Nationalised Banks may have their own set of regulations for the pensionary benefits admissible to their employees. The above position has been further clarified by the government through their circulars of 30th May, 1995 and 13th September 1996.

Petroleum Refinery

1928. SHRI MUKHTAR ANIS : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the total installed capacity of petroleum refineries in the country and the capacity utilisation during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) the location of these refineries under construction; and

(c) the major source of supply of petroleum of the existing and the refineries under construction ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU) : (a) The total installed capacity of the Refineries in the country and their overall capacity utilisation, during the last three years is as under :-

Years	Installed capacity (MMTPA)	capacity utilisation (% age)
1993-94	52.75	103
1994-95	53.40	106
1995-96	56.40	104

(b) Besides the existing refineries the details of PSUs/JVCs grass root refineries projects under implementation are as under :-

Refinery	Location
Panipat Refinery	Panipat, Haryana
Numaligarh Refinery	Numaligarh, Assam
Bharat Oman Refinery Limited	Bina, M.P.

(c) The refineries at Digboi, Guwahati, Bongaigaon process exclusively indigenous Assam crude. The refineries at Mumbai, Cochin, Visakh, Barauni, Gujarat, Mathura, Haldia, Madras and Narimanam process indigenous as well as imported crudes. Mangalore Refinery processes only imported crudes.

As regards, the refineries under construction, Numaligarh is designed to process indigenous Assam Crude and Panipat Refinery is designed to process both imported and indigenous crudes. The Bina Refinery is planned on imported crudes.

Target of Atomic Energy Generation

1929. SHRI SOHAN BEER : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the target fixed for atomic energy generation during the Eighth Five Year Plan;

(b) whether the target has been achieved;

(c) the funds allocated by the Government for atomic energy projects during the said period; and

(d) the financial provision made for atomic energy projects during the Ninth Five Year Plan ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH) : (a) and (b) The cumulative, target of nuclear power generation during the Eighth Plan was 37070 MUs. With the expected generation of electricity of about 1800 MUs. during February and March 1997 the total generation of electricity from Nuclear Power Plants during the Eighth Plan i.e. 1992-97 will be nearly 35000 MUs. There will be a shortfall of about 2300 MUs during the eighth plan period.

(c) The approved outlay for the Nuclear Power Sector for the VIII Plan period was Rs. 4261 crores with budgetary support of Rs. 761 crores. The actual budgetary support received during the period is Rs. 1418 crores.

(d) Ninth Five Year Plan is yet to be finalised by the Planning Commission.

Centrally Sponsored Schemes

1930. SHRI NARAYAN ATHAWALAY : Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have decided to transfer some of the Centrally sponsored schemes to the States alongwith accompanying resources;

(b) if so, furnish details of the Schemes being transferred, allocation of funds thereunder being released to the States-State-wise - for Maharashtra State in Particular;